

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print system comprising:
 - an input unit for inputting a contact destination to be contacted at end of printing;
 - 5 a printer for printing an image on a visible recording medium;
 - a first determination unit for determining whether printing by said printer has ended; and
 - a transmitting unit, which is responsive to a
 - 10 determination by said determination unit that printing has ended, for transmitting data indicating that printing has ended to a data processing unit, which is specified by the contact destination that has been input by said input unit, via a communication channel.
- 15 2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said data processing unit is capable of short-distance communication with said print system;
 - said input unit receives identification data, which identifies said data processing unit, as the contact
 - 20 destination transmitted from said processing unit by short-distance communication; and
 - the transmitting unit transmits the data indicating that printing has ended to said data processing unit, which is identified by the identification data, by
 - 25 short-distance communication.
3. The system according to claim 2, further comprising an image data receiving unit for receiving image data transmitted from said data processing unit by short-

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distance communication;

wherein said printer records an image represented by the image data, which has been received by said image-data receiving unit, on a visible recording medium.

4. The system according to claim 3, further comprising:

a request data receiving unit for receiving data indicating a print extraction request transmitted from said data processing unit by short-distance

communication;

a second determination unit for determining, in accordance with receipt of the print extraction request data by said request data receiving unit, whether the data processing unit that transmitted the print

extraction request data is that of a user authorized to acquire a print; and

a printer control unit for ejecting a visible recording medium, on which printing has been performed by said printer, in response to a determination by said second determination unit that the user is authorized.

5. A data processing unit that is capable of short-distance communication with a print system, comprising:

a transmitting unit for transmitting identification data, which is for identifying the data processing unit, by short-distance communication to said print system as a contact destination to be contacted at end of printing;

a receiving unit for receiving data transmitted by

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short-distance communication from said print system indicating that printing has ended; and

a notification unit for giving notification of end of printing in response to receipt of printing-end data by said receiving unit.

6. A print system comprising:

a printer for printing an image and an identification code, which is for identifying the owner of the image, on a visible recording medium;

10 a holding mechanism for holding, within the print system, visible recording media on which printing has been performed by said printer;

an identification-code notification unit for giving notification of the identification code printed on the visible recording medium by said printer;

15 an identification-code input unit for inputting the identification code; and

an ejection unit for ejecting, from said holding mechanism to the outside of said print system, the visible recording medium on which the input identification code has been recorded from among the visible recording media being held by said holding mechanism.

7. A method of controlling operation of a print system comprising the steps of:

25 inputting a contact destination to be contacted at end of printing;

printing an image on a visible recording medium;

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determining whether the printing has ended; and
in response to a determination that printing has
ended, transmitting data indicating that printing has
ended to a data processing unit, which is specified by
5 the contact destination that has been input, via a
communication channel.

8. A method of controlling operation of a data
processing unit that is capable of short-distance
communication with a print system, comprising the steps

10 of:

transmitting identification data, which is for
identifying the data processing unit, by short-distance
communication to the print system as a contact
destination to be contacted at end of printing;

15 receiving data transmitted by short-distance
communication from the print system indicating that
printing has ended; and

giving notification of end of printing in response
to receipt of printing-end data.

20 9. A method of controlling operation of a print system
comprising the steps of:

printing an image and an identification code, which
is for identifying the owner of the image, on a visible
recording medium;

25 holding, within the print system, visible recording
media on which printing has been performed;

giving notification of the identification code
printed on the visible recording medium;

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inputting the identification code; and
ejecting, to the exterior of the print system, the
visible recording medium on which the input
identification code has been recorded from among the
5 visible recording media being held.

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